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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy—Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Operation

1. The improper operations of off-highway vehicles has required closing firing ranges and has the potential for serious impacts on natural and cultural resources. In addition to the potential impact on military training, OHV use can cause soil erosion, damage vegetation and create noise and dust problems. Improper OHV operation can potentially impact endangered species or archeological and historic sites as well.

2. References:

- a. AR 200-3
- b. FH Regulation 190-5
- c. FH Regulation 385-8
- d. Most current Fort Huachuca Programmatic Biological Opinion that addresses OHV use
- e. Arizona Department of Transportation Policy Memo 95-086
- f. Arizona Department of Transportation Policy 13.2.4
- g. Hunting Fact Sheet for Fort Huachuca

3. The following definitions apply to Fort Huachuca's policy on OHV use:

a. Established Roadways: Those roads, improved or unimproved, intended for public use. Typical examples include asphalt surfaced and dirt roads such as Garden Canyon road to the Boy Scout cabin in upper Garden Canyon and the Huachuca Canyon road up to the upper picnic area.

b. Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs): Two or four wheeled vehicles that are designed to be operated off highways and derive their power from any source other than muscle or wind. The definition for OHVs includes All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs). (Three wheel OHVs are not permitted to operate on Fort Huachuca IAW FH Reg 190-5).

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c. Firebreaks: Those areas cleared and graded for the purpose of preventing the spread of fire or providing access for fire suppression.

4. OHVs will not be operated within the cantonment and housing area IAW FH Reg 190-5.

5. Operation of OHVs outside of the cantonment area is limited to established roadways and firebreaks. Maximum speed limit for OHVs and other wheeled vehicles, unless otherwise posted, is 25 miles-per-hour IAW FH Reg 190-5.

6. Operation of OHVs is not allowed within ponds or basins such as Woodcutters Basin.

7. OHVs operated on Fort Huachuca must be properly registered, licensed and insured IAW FH Reg 190-5 para.6, AZDOT Policy Memo 95-086 and AZDOT Policy 13.2.4.

8. Operation of OHVs and other vehicles on closed roads is prohibited unless in conjunction with official duties. Closed roads are identified by signs or fiberglass stakes or by boulders or other obstacles placed across them.

9. Cross-country driving of military and privately owned vehicles (POV) to include OHVs is prohibited except in case of an emergency where no other mode of transportation is available IAW FH Reg 385-8.

10. Coordination should be made with Range Control or the Military Police Desk prior to OHV operation IAW FH 190-5. Persons desiring to participate in recreational activities on Fort Huachuca training lands are responsible for checking to ensure that military training is not taking place and those areas they wish to access are not closed. Individuals or groups who fail to make such checks prior to entering such areas may not be able to successfully pursue a cause of action, claim or similar demand against the United States, its officers, agents or employees, for any property loss or physical injury arising from their entry into or use of such areas.

11. Operators and passengers of OHV vehicles must wear the proper protective equipment as stated in FH Reg 190-5.

12. During designated Fort Huachuca big game hunting seasons OHV operators and all other outdoor recreational users must wear the standardized Blaze Orange color for the upper garment and hat.

13. It is prohibited to take (pursing, shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping, killing, capturing, snaring or netting) wildlife from a motorized vehicle. An OHV may be used only as a means of travel and not as a hunting aid. It is also unlawful to harass, molest, chase, rally, concentrate, herd, intercept, torment or drive wildlife or livestock from any motorized ground vehicle. Citations can also be issued for damaging habitat or private property IAW Arizona Revised Statute – Title 17.

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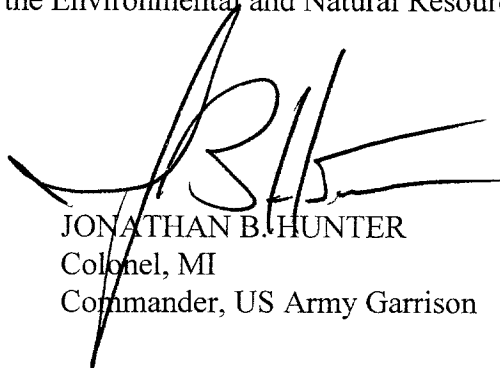
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14. No one may operate OHVs or any other vehicles to create excessive or unusual smoke or dust, or drive carelessly or recklessly or in a manner that damages facilities, staging areas, travel routes or roads, or endangers or is likely to endanger any person or animal.

15. All vehicle operators are restricted from driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.

16. Persons violating this OHV policy may be barred, with their vehicles, from access to Fort Huachuca. Further action, as appropriate, may be taken under 18 USC section 1382. Violations of federal and state laws are applicable to Army installations under title 18 USC (Assimilative Crimes) and may be referred to a U.S. Magistrate according to AR 27-40 and AR 190-29.

17. The point of contact for OHV issues is the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the Directorate of Public Works, 533-3120.



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